The annual IAATE Conference is productive, informative and fun! Members exchange ideas, discuss issues and share valuable knowledge through the presentation of papers and posters.

Conferences have been held annually since 1993, hosted by facilities in the US, Canada and Europe. Each conference offers unique experiences including field trips to local venues, international guest speakers, member presentations and opportunities to learn how others are tackling the challenges we face in our shared profession. The atmosphere is supportive and relaxed. The value is immeasurable. IAATE Conferences are one of the best ways to meet and network with other professionals in the avian field.

IAATE is diverse and continually growing. Our membership includes hundreds of individuals representing zoos and aquariums, wildlife centers, private education programs and other avian interest groups worldwide.

**IAATE Members enjoy many benefits:**
- Networking with other members
- Subscription to our quarterly newsletter, *The Flyer*
- Discounted conference rates
- Access to grants through our Conservation Fund
- Access to the member’s area of IAATE online
- Listing in the Business Directory of IAATE online

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The International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators is a registered 501(C)3 organization which was founded in 1993 to foster communication, professionalism and cooperation among those individuals who serve Avian Science through training, public display, husbandry, research, conservation and education. IAATE recognizes its role in, and responsibilities to, the continued existence of zoological parks and public and private institutions housing birds. IAATE provides opportunities through which bird trainers can exchange and disseminate current knowledge, research and other information among themselves. In addition IAATE seeks to maintain a positive public image by preparing its members to act as ambassadors for the avian community.

The mission of IAATE is to promote best practices in the field of avian care, training and educational programming; and to inspire conservation of avian species and the natural world. Through conferences, publications, personal interactions and its website, IAATE fosters the exchange of information and skills that support the highest standards of managing birds for public programs and exhibits.

The very idea of a bird is a symbol and a suggestion to the poet. The beautiful vagabonds, endowed with every grace, masters of all climes, and knowing no bounds - how many human aspirations are realized in their free, holiday-lives - and how many suggestions to the poet in their flight and song!

John Burroughs